## JEAN ELIOT'S LETTER

(Continued from Tenth Page.) spent last winter, while Paymaster Merriam was at sea, with her mother, Mrs. Wallach. in her I street home.

Gen., and Mrs. John A. Johnston will ent plan, but will have an apartment, in the Vanderbilt Hotel in New York, while their daughter, Mrs. Summerlin, will take a house in one of the Phila-delphia suburbs for the season. Thep expected to leave their Thousand Islands place on Friday for New York, so I suppose they have already arrived.

General and Mrs. Johnston have their own particular island in the St. Lawrence, after the most approved fash-ion among the wealthy people who frequent that region. Five acres in ex- without their annual reception-unless tent it is and its very name, Winter-; the official celebration of the day be green Island, breathes coolness and resumed. fragrance. The house is picturesque and handsome and not far from it is that much loating in negligee before the great fire-place in the living room is in order, and that a quiet game of cards is not infrequent.

The place has a veritable fleet of boats—a yacht and eleven power boats. large launches with glass cabins, mayogany-lined fishing skiffs. gaiore. The boathouse is enormous, so a round dozen houses, the handsomest large that the fleet may be safely put houses in town, whose front lawns head there are twenty sleeping rooms alley, where the grass has not been cut for the servants. They also have their this season. It does seem a crying fleet of boats. There are more than a shame that such neglect should be alscore of domestics, so that the guests lowed to continue, for the lack of ex-

frequent long trips through the neigh- householder to care for his front lawn, boring waters in the yacht, tying up just as there is a statute compelling him for the nights, when the ladies sleep abourd and the men ashore in shelter property.

General Johnston resigned from the regular army in 1903. I am told that be sent in his resignation some years before, after he had reached the rank of colonel, but before it was accepted he was appointed assistant adjutant gen-

(Continued from Tenth Page.) eral, and, therefore, reconsidered. Later on duty at the navy yard now; he was made brighter general, and then he did resign, to be appointed Dis-Merriam is still away, but she trict Commissioner some years later. He filled that office with considerable distinction, but refused to serve for more than one term.

Mrs. Johnston is a very wealthy wom-Gen. and Mrs. John A. Johnston will an in her own right. She was formerly not open their house in Washington Miss Vandergrift-Alice Vandergrift this winter, if they stick to their pres- Garrett is her niece-and comes of an influential Pittsburgh family. Indeed, I am told that her father was once presidepe of the Standard Oil Company. Virginia Summerlin is their only daughter -their only child. I believe-and both General and Mrs. Johnston are wrapped up in her and her two fine boys. And truly she is a captivating person-pretty. petite, graceful, and notably well groomed. The whole family will be greatly missed this winter, and New Year Day will, indeed, be a "frost"

When I see so many splendid Washa comfortable bungalow, where the men ington homes, large roomed, high winare housed when the Johnstons enter- dowed and surrounded by lovely gartain house parties. There they may do | dens and bits of green lawn, lying idle as they please, and it is whispered for six months or more of the year. I am a socialist. I'm ready to believe that all property should be public property. But when I find the owners of such fine properties allowing their gardens to run riot and the grass to grow waist high-then am I an anarchist. I want to blow up the whole bunch.

Right around Sheridan Circle and in with engines in them, and minor craft Massachusetts avenue nearby there are inside for the winter, and over- would do scant credit to the meanest almost stumble over them on the is- penditure of a few pennies and a little time and trouble. There should cer-The Johnstons and their guests take tainly be some law compelling the to clear off the snow in front of his

The church bells are ringing, I think I shall heed their call for once, and, therefore, must bring my letter to a hasty close. My love to you, dear, Yours fondly, JEAN ELIOT. Sunday.

#### PLANT'S FLAG FLIES ON BILLINGS' YACHT

His Kanawha For the Newer Vanadis.

NEW YORK, Sept. 19.-Have C.K. G. Billings and Morton F. Plant exchanged their big steam yachts? Circumstances pal Church South for 1915 16 were inmake it appear that Mr. Billings had given up his English-built Vanadis for Commodore Plant's fiver Kanawha, formerly owned by the late H. H. Rogers.

Commodore Plant and his wife left several days ago, and she steamed to lives and where he had the Vanadis. The Plants arrived back in New London last night on the Vanadis, and the Flant private signal was flying from her mainmast—a mark of possession.

Mr. Billings could not be reached on the telephone. If the deal was consummated it is supposed that Commodore Plant paid a substantial honus, as in the Vanadis he obtained a newer and much larger vessel than the Kanawha.

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wha. The Vanadis, of 1,092 tons, is 277 feet The Vanadis, of 1,092 tons, is 277 feet long. She was built in Glasgow from designs by Tams, Lemoine & Crane, of this city, and is most luxuriously fitted out for cruising. She rammed the steamer Bunker Hill, of the Metropolitan line, in a fog in the sound, June 13, killing two pasengers on the steamship and injuring three others. Mr. and Mrs. Billings were aboard the yacht.

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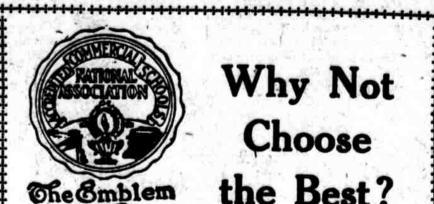
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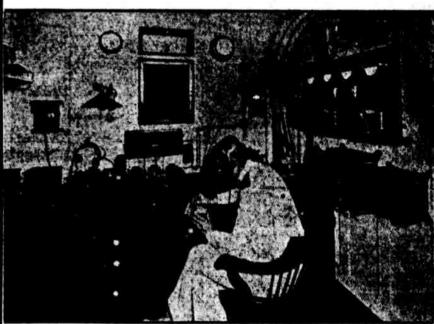
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